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Today's Topics:

CW and DSP

How to find the answers to frequently-asked questions about Ham Radio
 I can't find my original license
 Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #127
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 Where is the HTX- HT made ?

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policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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Subject: CW and DSP
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

georgen@stortek.com (George Noyes x5698) writes:

>In article <270niu\$53j@news.delphi.com> cecilmoore@news.delphi.com
(CECILMOORE@DELPHI.COM) writes:

>>Keywords: DSP

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>Here's my 10 cents on the DSP-9. I purchased it at Dayton last spring.

>SSB - Works as advertised. I'm most impressed with the "tuner-upper notch".

>This feature is really great during contests.
Also during the Hurricane Watch Net, when jammers are all over the place.
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>The general noise reduction mode works, it reduces background noise, but
>I couldn't say that it improves readability much with my ears.

I think it improves readability just a little bit on some signals, but
it certainly reduces the fatigue.

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john@anasazi.com ncar!noao!asuvax!anasaz!john anasaz!john@asuvax.eas.asu.edu
- - My gun is safer than Ted Kennedy's car - -
- - - "It is better to be judged by twelve, than carried by six." - - -

Date: 14 Sep 93 09:44:04 GMT
From: pacbell.com!amdahl!amdahl!uts.amdahl.com@ames.arpa
Subject: How to find the answers to frequently-asked questions about Ham Radio
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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How to find the Rec.radio.amateur.misc Frequently Asked Questions list

This article will tell you how to find the answers to frequently-asked
Questions (FAQ) from rec.radio.amateur.misc. The FAQ articles are posted on
the 7th of each month. This article is posted on the 14th, 21st, and 28th of
every month as a reminder of where to find the FAQ.

The FAQ articles are intended to summarize some common questions on the
rec.radio.amateur.misc newsgroup and Info-Hams mail list as well as to help
beginners get started.

Besides the monthly posting, the FAQ is always available via anonymous FTP
and from e-mail servers. This article contains instructions for obtaining a
copy of the FAQ. It also contains the table of contents from the FAQ so
that you know which questions are covered by it.

Please provide a copy of the FAQ to any new or soon-to-be Hams you know.

Regular FAQ postings can help save network bandwidth and maintain a good signal-to-noise ratio in the newsgroup. However, they can't do it alone - you, the reader, have to use them. If you are a new user, please print and review the FAQ articles and look at the instructions in the news.newusers newsgroup before posting any articles. If you are an experienced user, please help by refraining from answering frequently-asked questions on the newsgroup if they are already answered by the FAQ articles. Instead, send e-mail to the user who asked the question. (It will be helpful if you include the part of the FAQ that answers their question, but not the whole thing.)

--How to obtain a current copy of the FAQ-----

There are 3 ways to obtain a copy of the FAQ.

- 1) NetNews
- 2) Anonymous FTP
- 3) An Electronic Mail Server

Option #1: NetNews

If you are familiar enough with NetNews to look through previous articles on your system, Option #1 above may be the easiest for you. The FAQ is posted so that it should not expire from your site's news spool until the next one is posted. Unfortunately, some news administrators do not honor the expiration dates meant to preserve the FAQ.

Look in rec.radio.amateur.misc, rec.radio.info, rec.answers, or news.answers. If the FAQ has expired at your site, try Option #2 (and ask your news administrator to honor expiration dates for articles cross-posted to news.answers if he/she can.)

Option #2: Anonymous FTP

Anonymous FTP uses the File Transfer Protocol. It is only available to sites which are directly connected to the Internet. If you don't know how to use FTP and can't find a friend to help you, continue to Option #3. If your site is not connected to the Internet, you should also continue to Option #3.

The following sites have copies of the FAQ:

site name & address path to FAQ articles

ftp.amdahl.com	pub/radio/amateur/faq.[1-3].Z located in western USA, FAQ updated daily
ftp.cs.buffalo.edu	pub/ham-radio/faq_ham_[1-3] located in eastern USA, FAQ updated monthly
rtfm.mit.edu	pub/usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/part* located in eastern USA, FAQ updated monthly
	contains news.answers archive - most UseNet FAQs are here
grivel.une.edu.au	pub/ham-radio/buffalo/ham-radio/faq_ham_[1-3]

located in Australia, FAQ updated monthly
(Ham files mirrored from buffalo/funet/ucsd daily)
nic.funet.fi pub/ham/info/faq_ham_[1-3]
located in Finland, FAQ updated monthly

Remember, when connecting to the remote system, use the login name of "anonymous" and, as a courtesy to the site administrators, your e-mail address for the password.

Option #3: Electronic Mail Server

If you can't use Options 1 or 2, your only remaining option is electronic mail. You can retrieve a copy of the FAQ by sending a message to
mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu

The body of your mail will contain a command for the mail server software. To get all of the FAQ (consisting of 70K of e-mail in 3 parts), place the following in the first line of your message:
send usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/★

Leave out the subject of your message because the mail server will ignore it.

--- begin sample mail message ---
To: mail-server@rtfm.mit.edu
From: me@here.org
Date: Mon Aug 14 22:27:33 PDT 1995

send usenet/news.answers/radio/ham-radio/faq/★
--- end sample mail message ---

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If you have comments or updates for the FAQ, send e-mail to
hamradio-faq@amdahl.com

This will send mail to all the people on the FAQ editorial review group.

Date: 14 Sep 93 13:35:00 GMT
From: news-mail-gateway@ucsd.edu
Subject: I can't find my original license
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I think that the reason the VE's are supposed to see the original license is that if the exams are passed the CSCE becomes sort of a temporary license and it is important that the applicants status before the exams be verified as well as possible. Later, the FCC has a data base to examine and alterations to the license can be detected. That information is not immediately available to the VE's though and they need to check the original to be on the safe side.

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Date: Sun, 12 Sep 1993 17:52:17 MDT
From: library.ucla.edu!news.mic.ucla.edu!unixg.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!
alberta!nebulus!ve6mgs!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin #127
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DXAC VOTE. The results of the DX Advisory Committee's (DXAC) vote on Eritrea was released this past week. The Committee has unanimously recommended that Eritrea be reinstated to the DXCC Countries List. It had been deleted from the list on November 15, 1962. Committee members were convinced that Eritrea has reemerged as a sovereign nation. The vote for the recommended effective date is as follows:

- 9 votes - May 24, 1993 (The majority voted in favor of the official Independence Day.)
- 6 votes - May 24, 1991 (The date of liberation is 1991.)
- 1 vote - April 27, 1993 (The results of the Eritrean referendum were announced and their learder, Issaias Afweras, stated, "Eritrea is a sovereign country as of today.")

This recommendation will now go to the ARRL Awards Committee for consideration. Please do not send QSL cards to the DXCC desk for Eritrea until it has been officially added to the list, and a date for accepting cards has been announced.

FJ, ST. BARTHELEMY ISLAND. An international team of operators will be active from here for the CQ WW Phone Contest in October. The operators will be FJ5AB, FJ5BL, K2IBW and N2HIG. Reciprocal license applications for the American operators will be hand carried to the French PTT in Paris in a few days. Several days before and after the contest N2HIG will operate RTTY from the Island. QSLs for Non-U.S go direct to FJ5BL. U.S. operators and DX RTTY QSLs go to N2HIG.

P29, PAPUA NEW GUINEA. P29VH is active on 75 meters from 1000-1100z with 60 watts. According to ZL4B0, an amplifier is on the way to him from Australia and should arrive in about 3-4 weeks.

PJ7, SINT MAARTEN. The Central Arizona DX Association members Jack/WA7LNW and Frank/OH2LVG will be operating from Simson Bay, the island of Sint Maarten from September 22-28. They will be signing PJ7/OH2LVG on CW/SSB and PJ7/WA7LNW on RTTY. They will also participate in the Scandinavian Activity Contest and the CQ WW RTTY Contest signing PJ8X. QSL via KE7LZ.

T5, SOMALIA. Rob, N3HQW, should be active now as T5/N3HQW, but no spots have been seen on the Ohio/Penn Network as of yet. Rob's operating time is limited due to his work schedule. The following is a schedule that Rob will try to meet for September and early October:

- 14 MHz 1200-1500z (if not working)
- 18 MHz 1500-1700z
- 21 MHz 1700-1900z
- 24 MHz 1900-2000z
- 28 MHz 1900-2000z (if Flux is above 100)
- 21 MHz 2000-2100z
- 14 MHz 2100-0100z (if not asleep)

Rob will be on the following frequencies (+/- QRM): 14270, 18150, 21270, 24980 and 28480 kHz. Also, Rob is going to try and rearrange his working hours in November and December in order to spend some time on the lower bands. QSL via WD4NGB.

VK9M, MELLISH REEF (Excerpts from a news release from Murray, WA4DAN): By the time you read this, the DXpedition team will have begun arriving in Brisbane and plans to depart from Bundaberg, Australia upon the schooner "Nina Q 1", hopefully no later than 1700z on September 14. This is actually about 12 hours ahead of the original schedule. Arrival time at the reef is estimated at 3 1/2 to 4 days, depending on the sea conditions. If favorable sea conditions prevail, the operation may begin late on September 18th. While in route to the reef, the team will be signing VK4CRR/MM on 7180 and 14195 kHz plus other frequencies to be announced. The callsign will be announced just prior to the operation and their operation will last until September 28th. The operators and their primary assignments are: VK4CRR (CW/SSB); VK2BEX & V73C (CW/SSB/RTTY); K5VT, VK2BJL & G3WGV (CW); and P29DX & WA4DAN (SSB). Operating frequencies are:

- CW - 1825, 3505, 7025, 10107, 14005, 18077, 21002, 24897, 28005, 50120
- SSB - 1825, 3799, 7123, 14195, 18145, 21295, 24945, 28445, 50120
- RTTY- 14080 and 21080

Upon arrival at the reef the team hopes to quickly get a couple of the stations operational using one yagi and one vertical while the rest of the team is ferrying gear to the two sites and assembling antennas, tents, etc. They will have two separate self-contained sites and each site will have three stations. QSL via VK4CRR, 26 Iron Street, Gympie QLD 4570, Australia. QSLing will commence by December 1, 1993.

XU, KAMPUCHEA. Mike, VS6WV, has returned to Hong Kong after a successful operation as XU6WV. He will be returning to XU-land probably the third

week of October using the same call. Mike has left a 1KW amp in XU-land along with a vertical antenna and generator. Upon his return, he plans to concentrate on 80-40-30 meters, mostly CW. He will especially looking for U.S. stations for new low band countries and a new zone for those chasing 5BWAZ. There is a possibility he may return to XU again in JAN/FEB of 1994, but it is too early to confirm. QSLs for VS6WV and XU6WV go to K0TLM.

XX9, MACAO. Last week we did not have the QSL information for Tony, XX9GD, but thanks to Nob, JI1MTF, he has supplied the following info: QSL XX9GD to Antonio A.P.B. Costa, P.O. Box 1476, Macau.

ZS9/ZS0, WALVIS BAY/PENGUIN ISLANDS UPDATE. According to Ian, ZS9A, a tentative day was just announced for Namibia's takeover of both islands as February 28, 1994. The announcement points out that "many details remain to be worked out", and that this date should be considered as a target date.

40 METER DX NET. Guy, ON4ACG, informs OPDX that Floyd, N5NG (President of the Magnolia DX Association), and himself will be starting a 40 meter DX net October 2nd on 7060/7161 at 0300z. The purpose of the net is to create an international group of friends who are interested in DXing, exchanging DX info; handling, searching and helping with QSLing and QSL information; making skeds and so on..... Everyone is welcome to check in and you will receive a certificate if you check in regularly (FREE! of charge).

FAX YOUR DX INFORMATION NOW! Faxing is available Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 0430 to 2330z only. The number is 216-237-8208 and the FAX card is sharing the same phone line as BARF-80 BBS using a data/fax/phone switch.

Excerpts and distribution of The OPDX Bulletin are granted as long as OPDX/BARF80 receive credit. To contribute DX info, call BARF-80 BBS online at 216-237-8208 14400/9600/2400/1200/300 and leave a message with the Sysop or send InterNet Mail to: aq474@cleveland.freenet.edu or send BitNet Mail to: aq474@cleveland.freenet@cunyvms or send PRODIGY Mail to: DFJH48A or send a message via packet to KB8NW @ WA8BXN.OH.USA.NA

/EXIT

Date: Sun, 12 Sep 1993 10:47:02 AST
From: library.ucla.edu!news.mic.ucla.edu!unixg.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!nntp.cs.ubc.ca!
alberta!adec23!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: The Radio NEWS #4
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

THE RADIO NEWS
ELECTRONIC ISSUE

The Tropical Band's Bulletin
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Venezuela

~Date: September 12th, 1993

Number: 4

LOGGINGS

- 3222 R.Kara, Togo. 10/09/93 0608-0617 23332
OM talking in french like news. (MRL)
- 4796 La Voz de los Caras, Ecuador. 11/09/93 0557-0603 44444
Salsa mx. T/Check as: "Cero horas 57 minutos en la voz de
los Caras". OM talking about boleros and danzones. (MRL)
- 4820 La Voz Evangelica, Honduras. 10/09/93 0603-0608 44444
Rlgs talks. ID saying frequencies. Rlgs mx. Close transmis-
sion without ID. (MRL)
- 4966 R.Santa Fe, Bogota, Colombia. 12/09/93 0544-0602 44444
REACTIVATED!. Vallenato mx. "La onda vallenata en Santa Fe"
by YL. qui y en todas partes Radio Santa Fe" by OM chorus.
Then YL said "En toda Colombia la onda vallenata". T/Check
as: "La una, es la una en Radio Santa Fe" by YL and marimba
jingle. Advs: "Cerveza Aguila". Merengue mx. (MRL)
- 4991 R.Ancash, Peru. 10/09/93 0527-0543 43343
Folk dancing mx with OM. "La hora en todo el territorio na-
cional, las cero horas 35 minutos por Radio Ancash". "Nos
vamos a traves de todas las rutas del territorio peruano como
siempre por Radio Ancash". (MRL)
- 5010 Guangxi 2, China. 11/09/93 0530-0551 23332
Folk mx like group of people singing and dancing. OM in Chine-
se dialect. Continues folk mx. (MRL)
- 5020 La Voix du Sahel, Niger. 12/09/93 0523-0539 33333
Folk mx with guitar. Om talking in French. (MRL)
- 5034 KR2, Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan. 12/09/93 0510-0522 33333
YL in Kazakh. Chorus mx. OM talking. (MRL)

(MRL) Manuel Rodriguez Lanza. Equipment: Panasonic DR-31 and

Sony ICF-2001 with 65 meters LW antenna oriented NE-SW.
Located on the roof of 11 floors building in the Metro-
politan Area of Caracas, Venezuela, South America.

The following logs were made with a Kenwood R-5000 receiver connected to a 400 foot unterminated mini-beverage antenna strung south-to-north approximately 7 feet above ground. My location is semi-rural just outside the city limits of Davenport, IA. A key to common SWBC DX abbreviations used in these loggings is attached at the end of this file. Unless otherwise noted, all Latin American stations were logged in Spanish, except for Brazilians which were in Portuguese.

- Don Moore

4712.4 BOLIVIA: Radio Abaroa 1017-1031 9/5 ballads to 1028 then OM talk. Gave ID, but too much static to hear it clearly, but most likely them. "Tropical Band Survey" from DSWCI says this station signs on at 1100 on Sundays, 1000 other days, which means the Sunday s/on time is not necessarily always true.

4785 COLOMBIA: Ecos del Combeima 0958-1035 9/4 w/ frequent IDs & mentions of the Super network. Into folk mx program "Concierto Colombiano". Good signal. Reactivated yet again. These guys have gone inactive and then reactivated at least a dozen times in my 20+ years of DXing! Nice to have them back, though. One of the best stations for Colombian mx. Strong signals, too.

4795 BRAZIL: Rdif Aquidauna 0947-0958 9/4 w/ seemingly canned rel pgm, ID w/ freqs @ 0956.

4845 COLOMBIA: CARACOL Bucaramanga 2349-0045 9/5-6 w/ futbol coverage. Many mentions of Colombia. Believe Colombia vs Uruguay in World Cup preliminaries. No ID, so presumed reactivation of this station. Not // main CARACOL outlet on 5075. Poor. Still in w/ futbol an hour later at recheck.

4890 PAPUA NEW GUINEA: NBC Port Moresby 1106-1108 9/6 Presumed the one w/ YL EE nx. Poor.

4899.87 PERU: UNID 1037-1105 9/6 w/ Peruvian folk mx, anmts. Very professional sounding & several ads gave phone numbers, so must be in a departmental capital or other main town. Possibly mentioned the Depto de San Martin and the Rio Mayo

once. Believe there were several IDs, but nothing very clear.
Poor and quickly weakening.

- 4924.6 BOLIVIA: Radio San Miguel 9/6 1010-1035 w/ "Primer Informativo de San Miguel" ind-depth newscast. One item about a disagreement between Radio Pio Doce & local military authorities in Potosi. IDs as both Radio San Miguel and La Voz de la Selva. Surprisingly good signal - best I've ever heard them.
- 4945 BRAZIL: Radio Progreso, Porto Velho 0955-1022 w/ folk mx, IDs at 1000, 1008, mentioning 50 kw of power. Fair.
- 4953.6 PERU: Radio Cultural Amauta 1034-1041 9/5 Presumed the one w/ anmts, prayer, into rel mx. Stn is run by Peruvian Baptists. Poor w/ lots of static.
- 5000 UNID 1043-1101 9/5 Someone here w/ mix of tropical mx and EZL ballads, occ Span talk, but impossible to understand because of heavy cochannel WWV. No het at all, so perfectly on 5000 kHz. Perhaps a local MW station mixing w/ YVT0, Caracas, which was also hrd at the same time?
- 5995.2 PERU: Radio Melodia 0955-1002 9/5 OM ancr, possible ID, into Andean ballads. Very weak.
- 6576 KOREA, North: Radio Pyongyang 1125-1126 9/5 w/ talk on North Korea in EE. Fair.

~From: Don Moore <MOORE@TMU1.MCREST.EDU>
Organization: Teikyo Marycrest University
~Subject: Good Peruvian conditions; loggings

Some loggings made this morning. Peruvian reception was better than usual, so this evening (Friday) & tomorrow morning could be good times to go after Peruvians & probably Bolivians, too. Peruvians including Radio Melodia, 5995; Radio Oriente 6190; Radio Tropical 4935; Radio Atlantida 4790; Radio Tarma, 4775; Radio San Martin 4810; La Voz de la Selva 4825; and Radio Ancash 4990.9 were all heard with stronger than usual signals, in addition to the ones specifically logged below.

COLOMBIA: 4975 Ondas del Orteguaza 1022-1037 9/10 Fascinating program focusing on "medicina naturalista". Ads & promos for several clinics around Florencia that specialize in this & also gave daily schedule for a traveling doctor who would be visiting a number of outlying settlements over the next few weeks. Even

gave some recipes for brewing one's own medicines, although most of the ingredients were not Spanish words I know - assumedly local plants. Fun listening! TODELAR anmts & station IDs at 1033 & into "Amanecer Campesino" program at 1035. Fair signal - a bit weaker than usual for these guys. (Don Moore)

MARTINIQUE: 8478.5 FUF 1113-1116 9/10 CW ID mkr. (Don Moore, IA)

PERU: 3194.2 Radio Luz y Vida 1057-1103 9/10 S/on w/ Peruvian anthem, then SP anmts too weak to make out much from. ID not heard, so presumed reception. Very poor. (Don Moore)

PERU: 4840 Radio Andahuaylas 1017-1021 9/10 w/ southern Peruvian huaynos, OM ID. Fair & no sign of Valera. (Don Moore)

PERU: 6203.7 Radio Cuzco 1040-1042 9/10 folk mx & Inca Kola ad. Fair (Don Moore)

PHILLIPINES: 8604 DZJ Bulacan Radio 9/8 1158-1202 w/ XW mkr. (Don Moore)

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NEWS

COLOMBIA: Radio Macarena has been heard on 11950 kHz, this is an harmonic frequency of 5975 kHz, with vgd reception.(MRL)

VENEZUELA: Radio Los Andes now belongs to Mundial Network, sometimes has the ID like Mundial Los Andes or Mundial (only). (MRL)

ABBREVIATIONS

nx	news	OA	Peruvian	QRM	interference
mx	music	YV	Venezuelan	QRN	natural static & noise
ID	identification	HJ	Colombian	vpr	very poor
w/	with	HC	Ecuadorian	pr	poor
TC	time check	CP	Bolivian	fr	fair
LV	La Voz de	ZY	Brazilian	gd	good
OM	man	TG	Guatemalan	vgd	very good
YL	woman	CW	morse code	//	parallel
v	variable frequency	Mkr	Marker	px	program

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The HTX-202 and 404 were designed by Tandy's engineers and are made for Tandy by supplier(s) that they will not identify. The 202 is made in Korea; I haven't looked at the 404 so I don't know if it's from the same supplier. The Icom rumors that were spread a while back started because the 202 and 404 are designed to take the same battery packs as some Icom models.

This business of not identifying the supplier is VERY common among both manufacturers and resellers; the latter usually want the customer to think of the product as solely their responsibility, while the major manufacturers don't want their private-label products sold against their own brands. (Zenith for example has changed its private-label TVs this year so that they can't be controlled by a Zenith-brand remote; apparently some sales people were doing that to prove that the sets were made by Zenith.)

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